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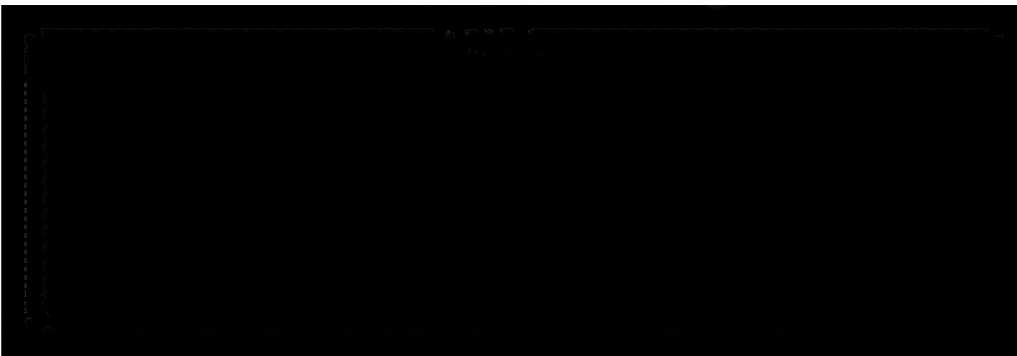
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1. A large majority of the people of Finland and the members of Parliament favor joining the Nordic Council, but to do this at this time with the USSR in opposition would amount to economic suicide.
2. Trade with the USSR, both import and export, is essential to Finland's existence. Member countries of the Nordic Council know this fact and consequently do not take an alarming attitude toward Finland.
3. When the time arrives that trade with Western countries is more favorable to Finland and when Finland is not dependent upon trade with the USSR, then Finland will become, in fact as it is in heart today, a Nordic Council member.

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